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Congo: According to Ambassador Gullion, the Soviet Union may be about to make a specific offer to supply, outside UN channels, military aircraft and other materiel to the Congo.

Congo army chief Mobutu has said that the Soviet Embassy is drawing up a list of military items that could be supplied. Adoula told Gullion he could not refuse a specific offer. He said he would present the offer to parliament, which would almost certainly accept it. He said he would at that point resign.

Congolese civilian and military officials have recently been pressing their requests for US military equipment, especially aircraft. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *Mobutu has expressed concern that the Congo army will mutiny against the government if some means are not found to counter Katangan air attacks against his forces in North Katanga.

*Mobutu also claims that Yugoslavia has offered to supply an undetermined number of jet aircraft and crews to support Leopoldville's efforts to end Katangan secession and he is urging Adoula to accept if similar aid cannot be obtained from the US. This claim is highly questionable since Belgrade would have to supply US F-86's in violation of its agreements with Washington which it has scrupulously observed in the past. [REDACTED]

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France-Algeria: The French talks with Foreign Minister Khemisti last weekend were amicable but inconclusive, and are to be followed by further working-level meetings. There is apparently still wide divergence on the amount of aid the French are to furnish in 1963. The issues of French military bases in Algeria and nuclear test sites in the Sahara were not raised.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board, on 5 December 1962, approved the following national intelligence estimates:

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NIE 11-1-62: "The Soviet Space Program" [redacted]

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NIE 11-12-62: "Trends in Soviet Policy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa" [redacted]

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